



IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

**METHOD-APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING TERT-BUTYL ESTERS OF
ALIPHATIC C1-C4-CARBOXYLIC ACIDS**

Please insert the following headings and paragraph between the title and the first line of text:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a Divisional Application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/334,000, filed January 27, 2003, which is a National Stage (371) of International Application No. PCT/EP01/08710 filed on July 27, 2001.

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 43:

SUMMARY

Please insert the following headings and paragraph before the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 19:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Exemplary embodiments of the present invention are described herein with reference to the following figure, wherein the figure is a schematic depiction of an exemplary apparatus for producing tert-butyl esters of aliphatic C1-C4 carboxylic acids according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS